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 The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,2, and 5-6.  
 The drawings filed on \_\_\_\_\_ are accepted by the Examiner.  
 Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
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Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  
 Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)  
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